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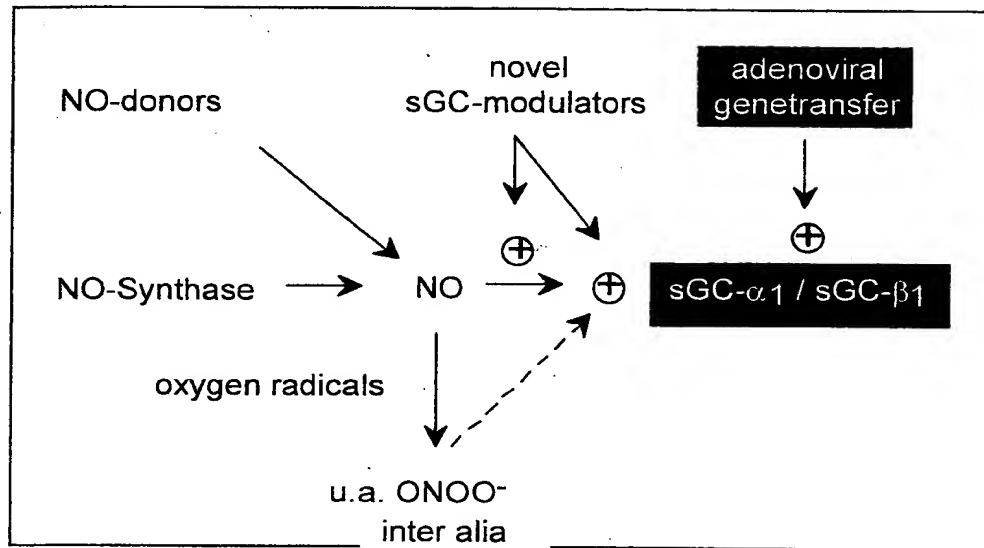


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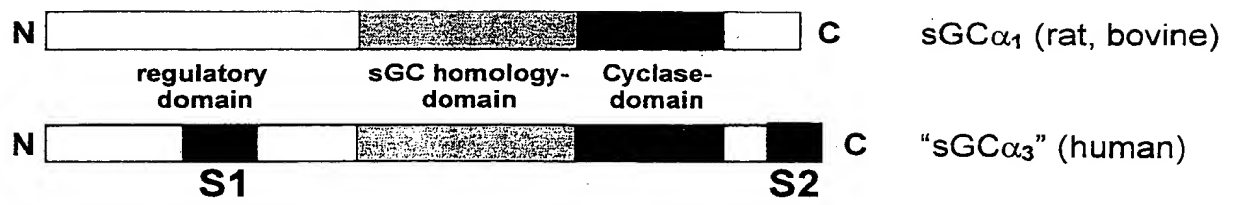
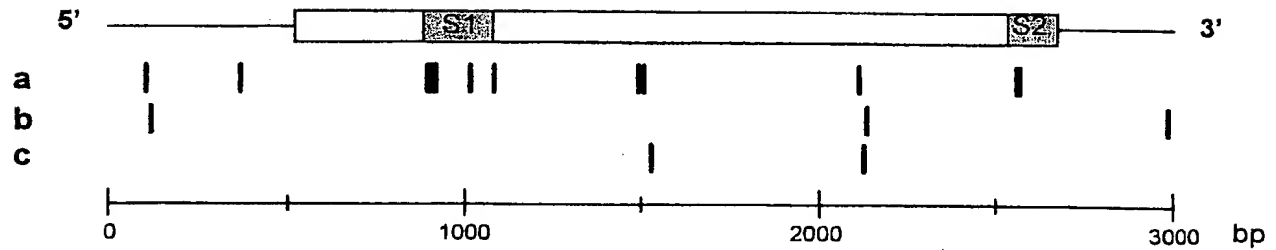


Figure 3

**a: nucleotide insertions**

C95, C367, T891, G900, T903, G913, T1006, G1074, G1487, A1488, A1489, G2108, G2555, T2560

b: nucleotide deletions

T between G111 and T112, T between T2128 and G2129, T between G2975 and T2976

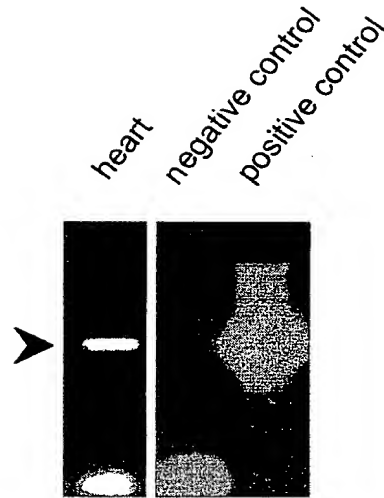
c: nucleotide exchanges

C1525>G, G2125>A

Figure 4

A

PCR
determination
of $hsGC\alpha 1$



B

PCR
determination
of $hsGC\beta 1$

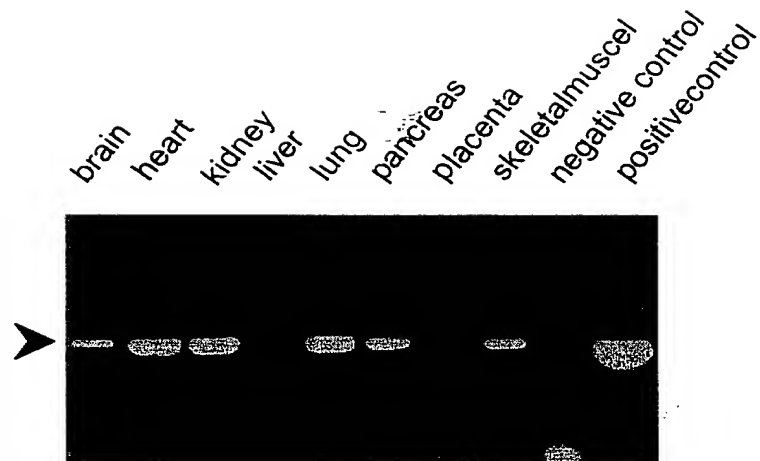
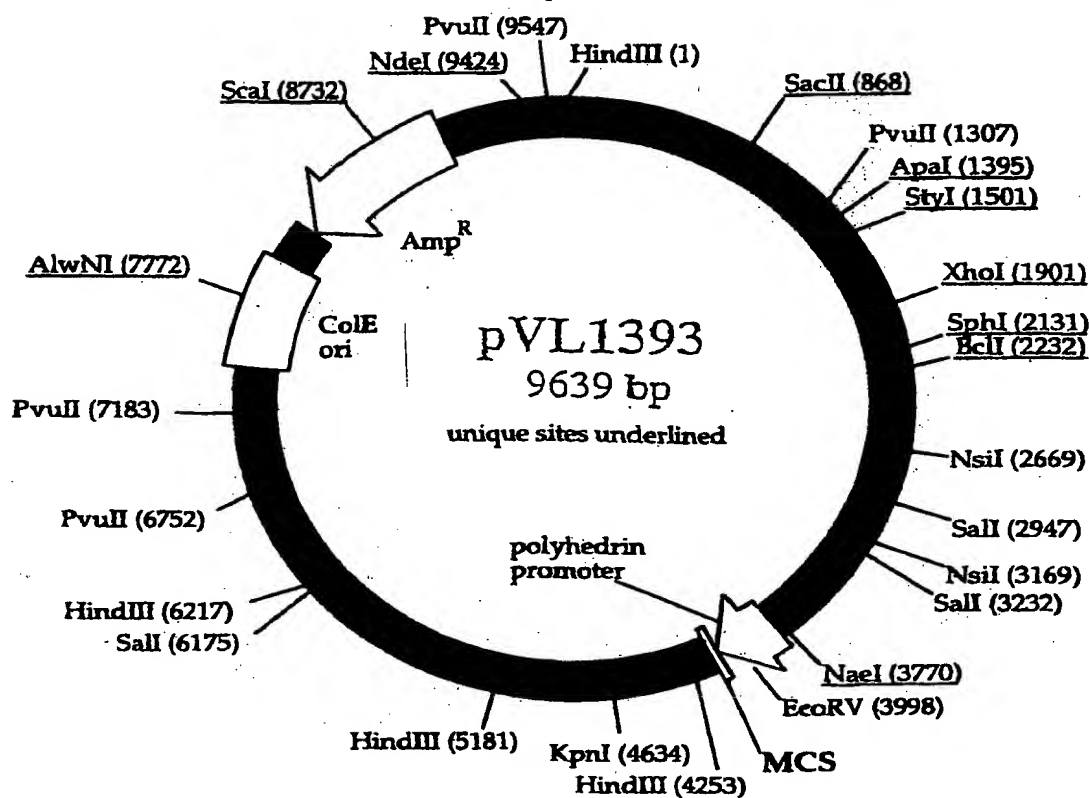


Figure 5

pVL1393 Baculovirus Transfer Vector



multiple cloning site (MCS) of pVL1393 with the unique restriction sites

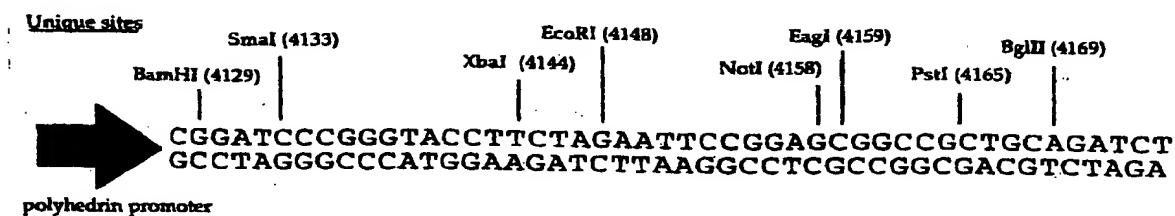
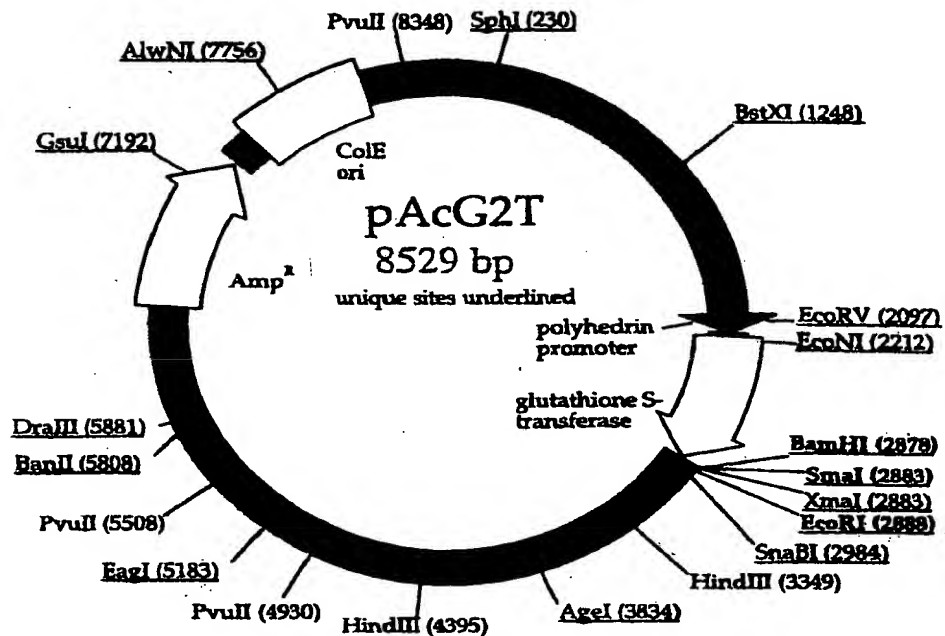


Figure 6

pAcG2T Baculovirus Transfer Vector



multiple cloning site (MCS) of pAcG2T downstream of glutathione-S-transferase sequence (GST) with the thrombin cleavage site and the unique restriction sites

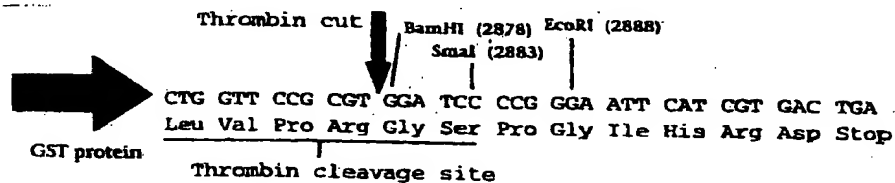
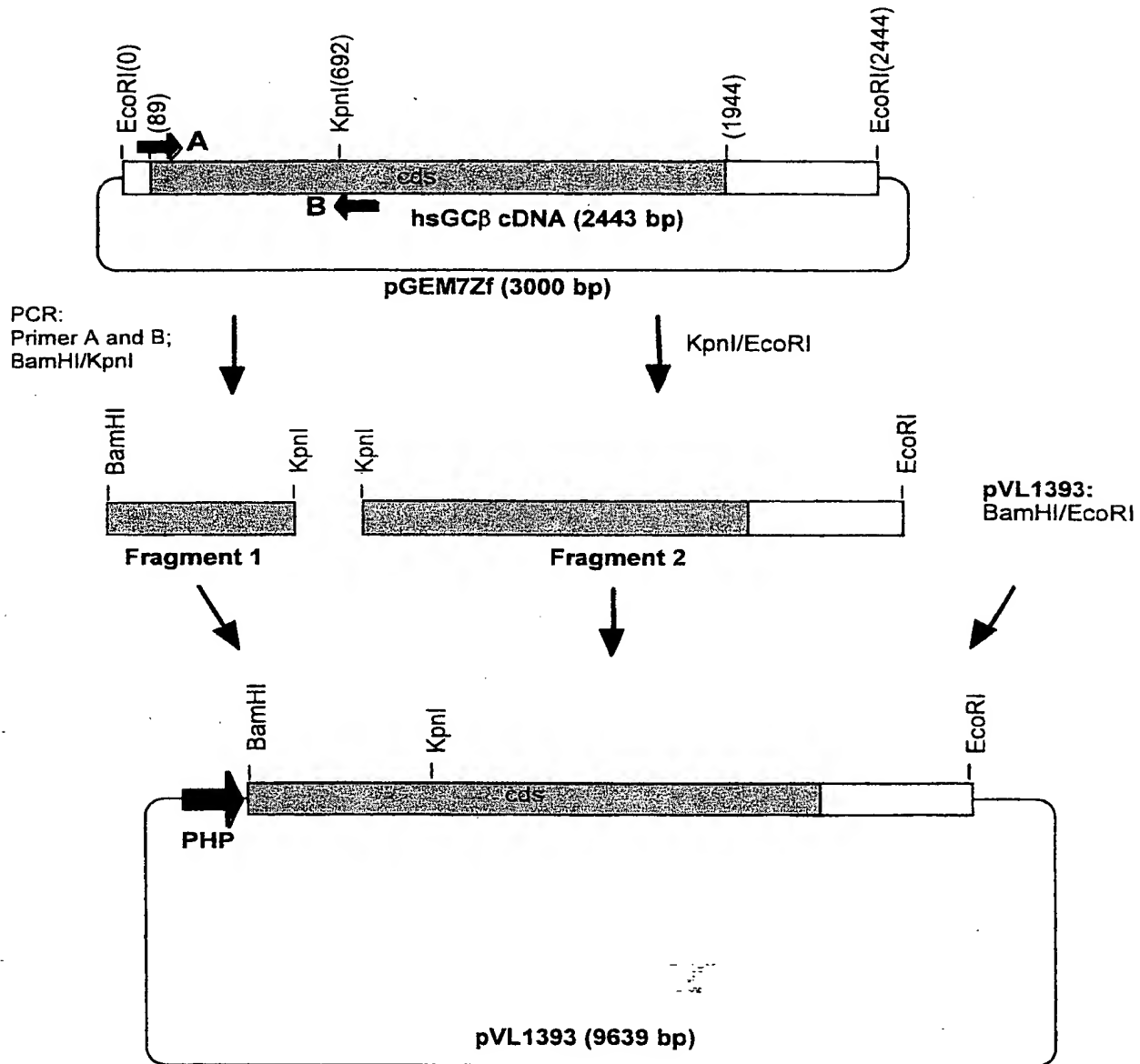
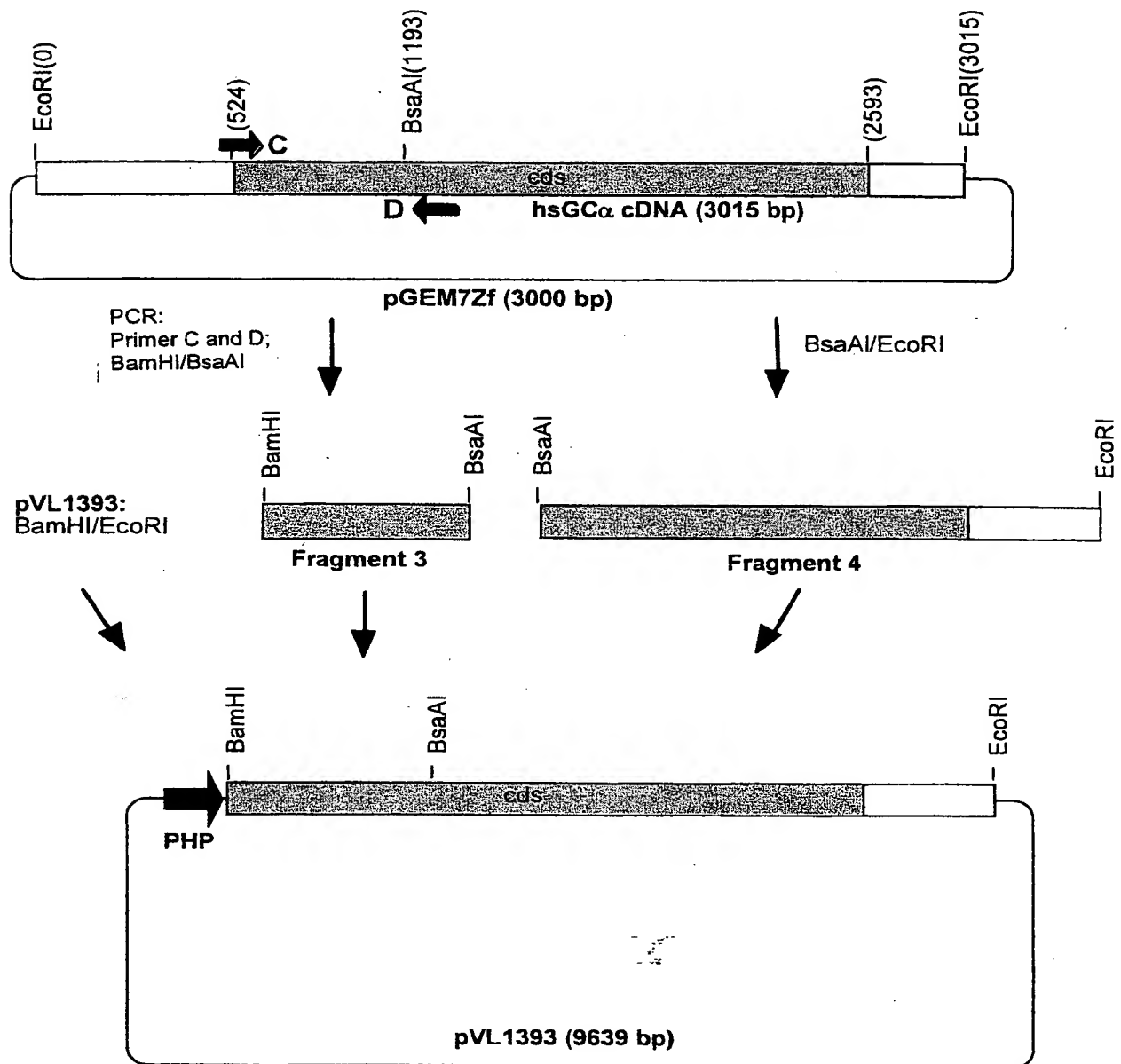


Figure 7: Cloning of hsGCB β in pVL1393

Primer: A 5' AAAA **GGATCC** ATGTACGGATTTGTGAAT 3'
BamHI (89) (116)

B 3' **CCATGG** GTCCTTAGTGCGTA 5'
(692) KpnI (711)

Figure 8: Cloning of hsGC α in pVL1393

Primer: C 5' AAAA GGATCC ATGTTCTGCACGAAGCTC 3'
BamHI (524) (541)

D 3' GGAGGGACGAAGGTATTA 5'
(1232) (1249)

Figure 9

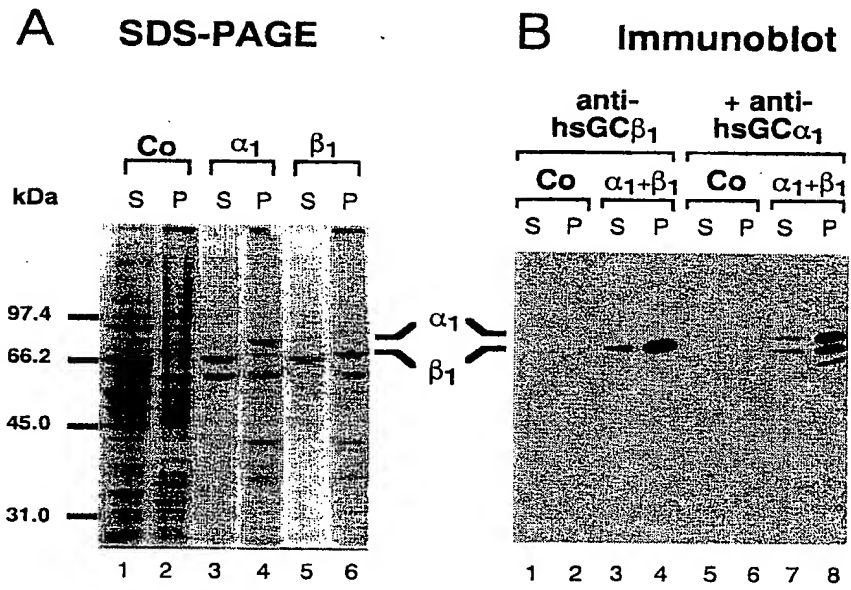


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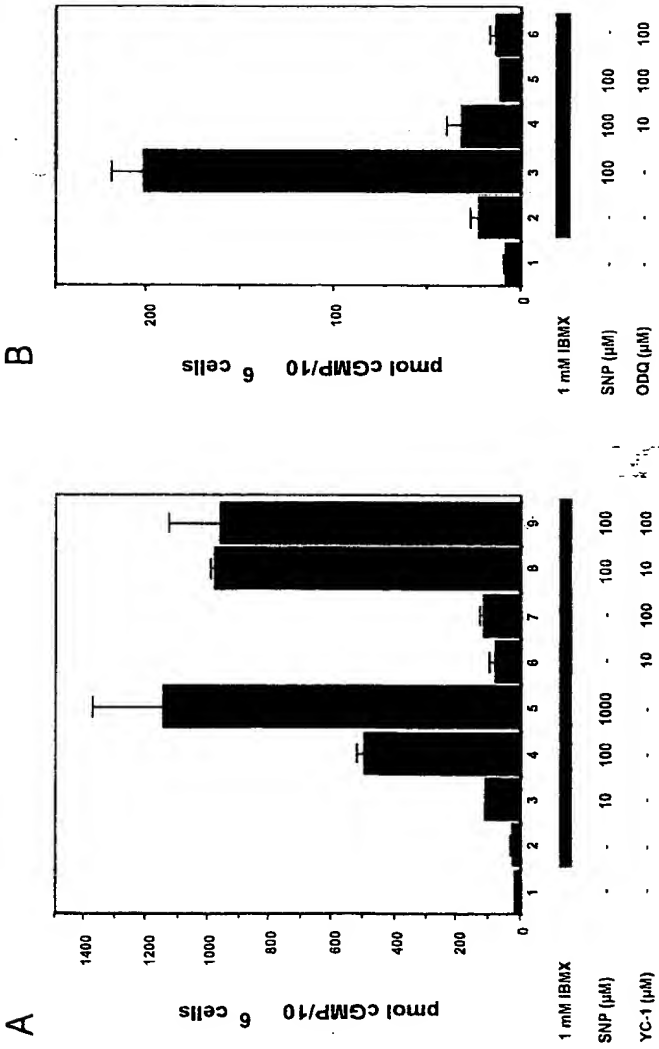


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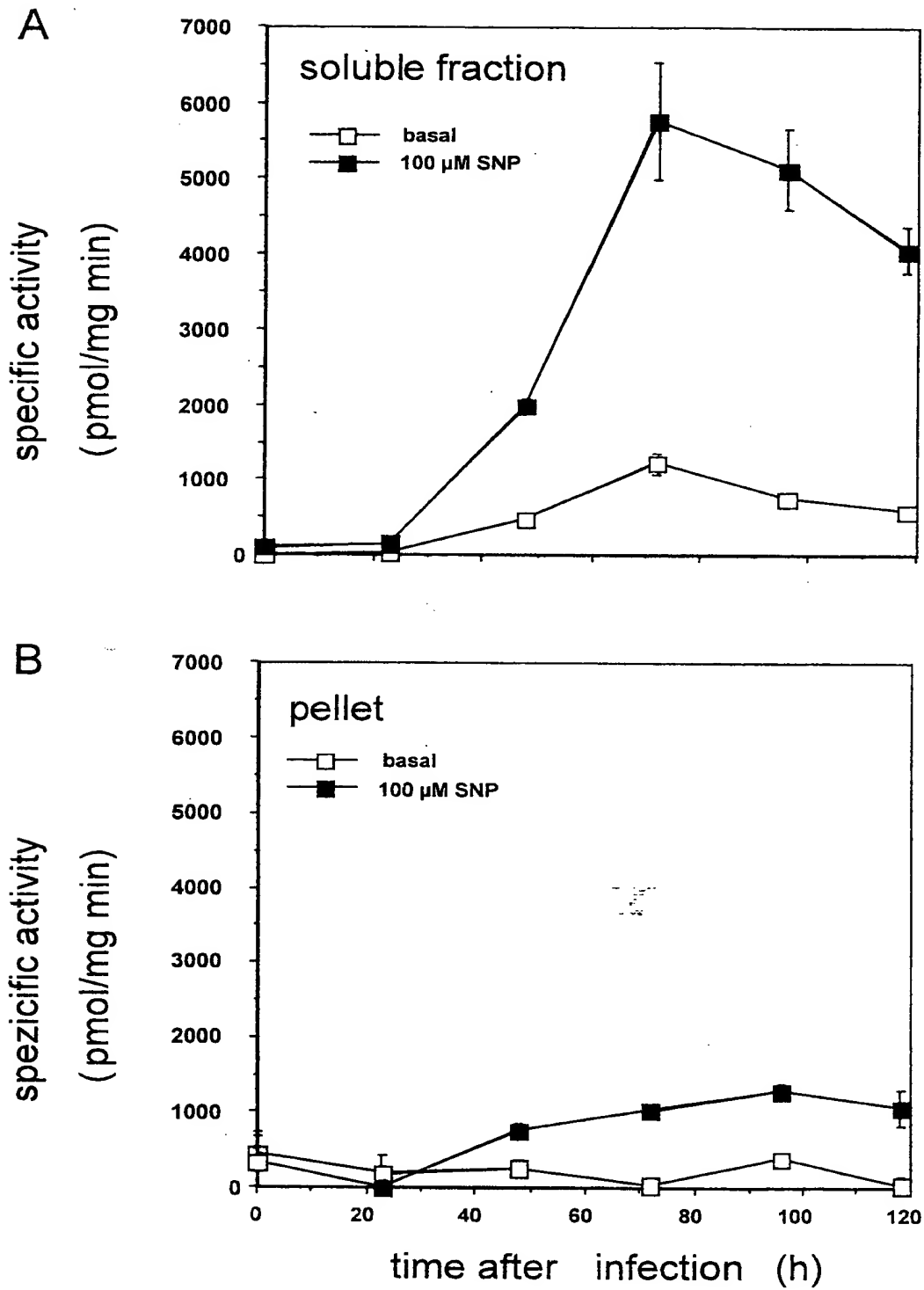


Figure 12: Purification of GST-hsGCalpha1/beta1 on GSH-Sepharose 4B

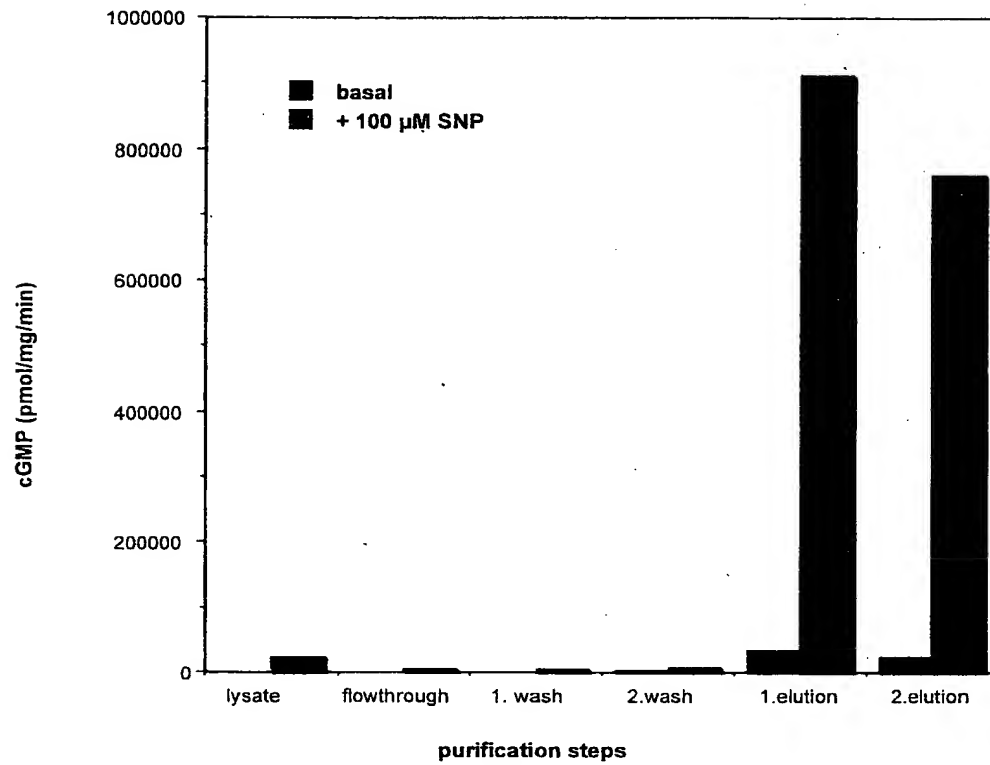


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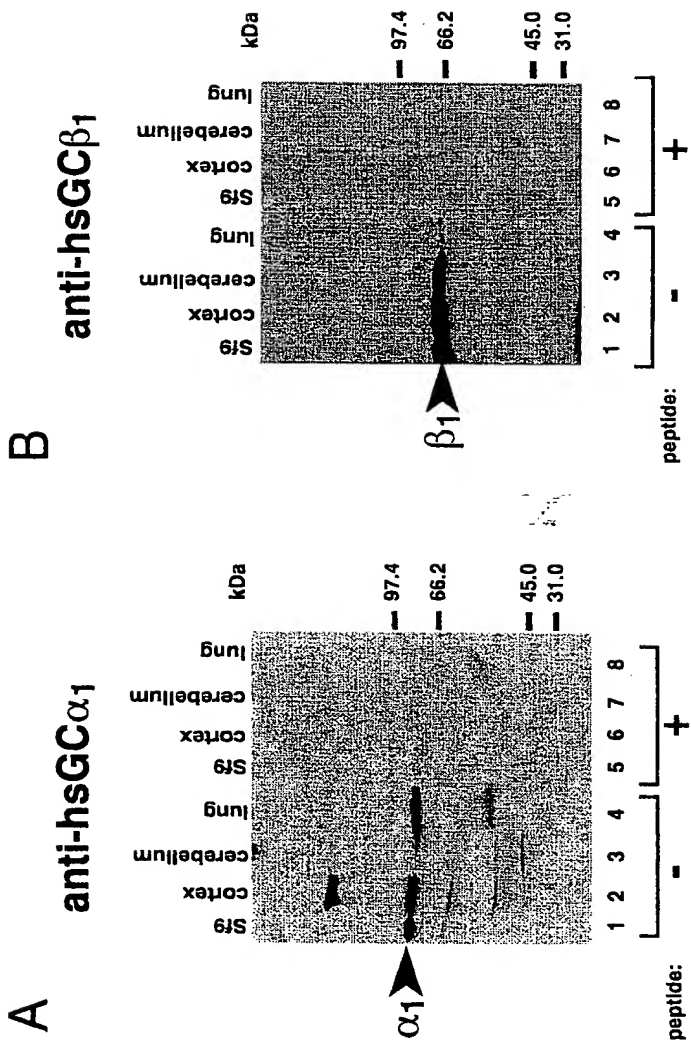


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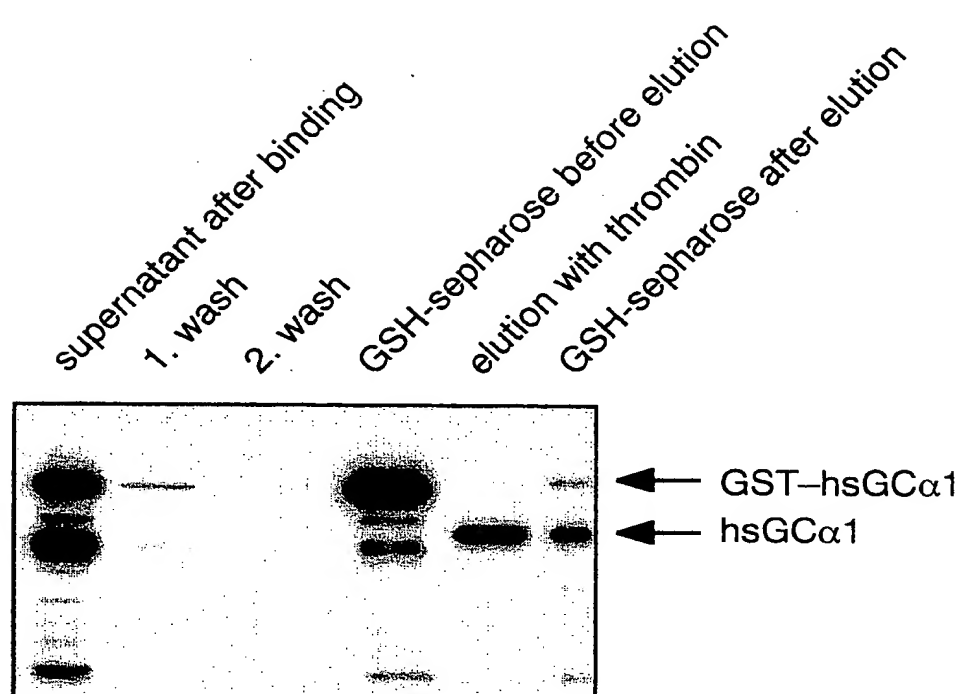


Figure 15: Purification of hsGC $\alpha 1/\beta 1$ in a Coomassie stained SDS polyacrylamide gel

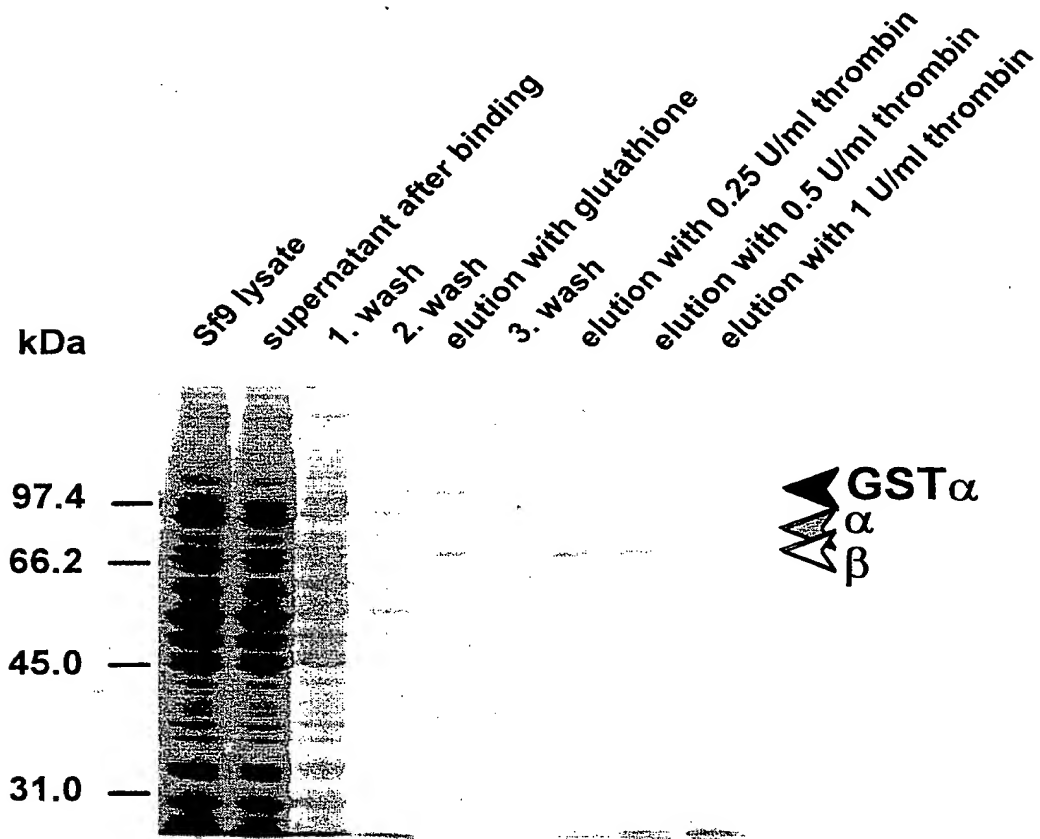


Figure 16: Construction of the hsGC-adenovectors

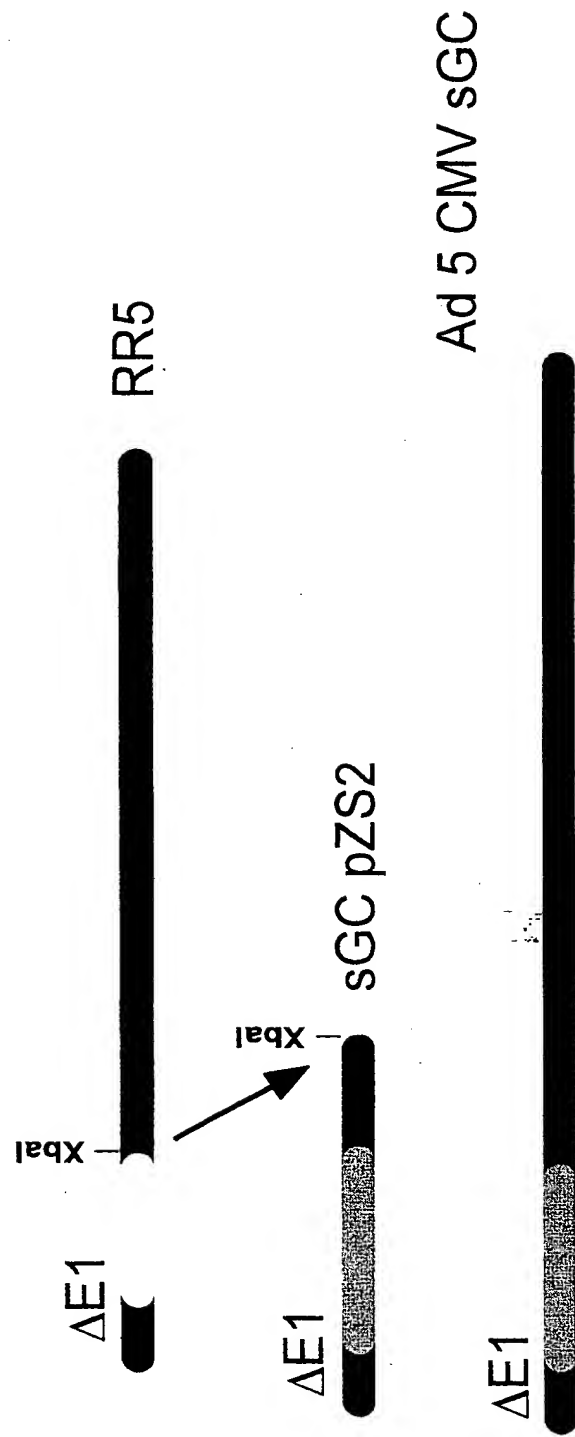


Figure 17:
Expression of human sGC in
adenovirus-infected EA.hy926
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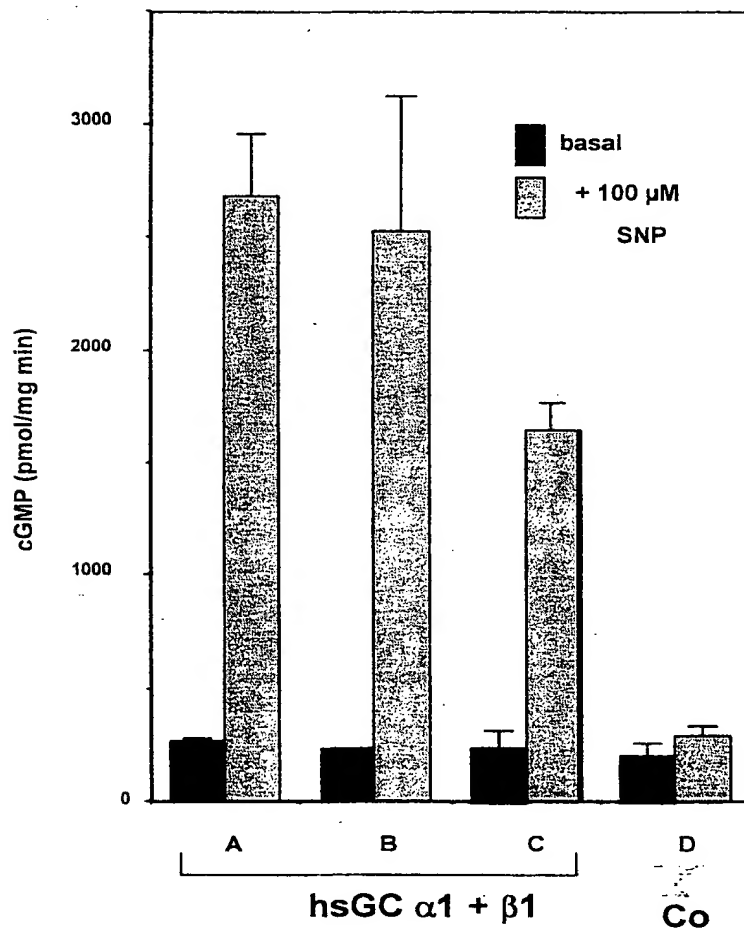


Figure 18

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Figure 19

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Figure 20

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Figure 21

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Figure 22

Phe Thr Pro Arg Ser Arg Glu Glu Leu Pro Pro Asn Phe Pro

Figure 23

Lys Gly Lys Lys Glu Pro Met Gln Val Trp Phe Leu Ser Arg Lys Asn
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Figure 24

upper primer

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lower primer

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Figure 25

upper primer

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lower primer

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